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Docket No: Q77917

Hong LI

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For: PROTECTION ELEMENT, METHOD FOR LAYING CABLE IN A GROOVE SYSTEM  
AND CABLE LAYOUT

**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**  
**UNDER 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicant hereby notifies the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office of the documents which are listed on the attached PTO/SB/08 A & B (modified) form and/or listed herein and which the Examiner may deem material to patentability of the claims of the above-identified application.

Applicant wishes to inform the Examiner of the following related application:

1. U.S. Application No. 10/429,717, filed on May 6, 2003, entitled "Method for Laying Cables, Information Network and Operation of an Information Network". Inventor: Klaus Nothofer.

One copy of each of the listed documents, other than any U.S. patents and patent publications, is submitted herewith.

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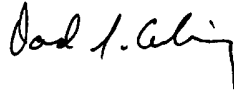
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The submission of the listed documents is not intended as an admission that any such document constitutes prior art against the claims of the present application. Applicant does not waive any right to take any action that would be appropriate to antedate or otherwise remove any listed document as a competent reference against the claims of the present application.

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